

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF TENNESSEE
NASHVILLE DIVISION

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| UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, et al., |) | |
| <i>ex rel.</i> JOHN DOE, |) | |
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| <i>Plaintiffs,</i> |) | CASE NO. 3:12-cv-00542 |
| |) | JUDGE SHARP |
| v. |) | MAGISTRATE JUDGE KNOWLES |
| |) | |
| FERRING PHARMACEUTICALS, INC. |) | |
| and FERRING INTERNATIONAL |) | |
| PHARMASCIENCE CENTER U.S., INC., |) | |
| |) | |
| <i>Defendants.</i> |) | |

UNITED STATES' NOTICE OF CONSENT TO DISMISSAL

On September 4, 2014, WJFE LLC ("Relator") and Defendants Ferring Pharmaceuticals, Inc. and Ferring International PharmaScience Center, U.S., Inc. filed a Joint Stipulation of Dismissal with Prejudice (D.E. 73). Pursuant to the False Claims Act, *qui tam* actions may not be dismissed, by motion or notice, without the written consent of the Court and the Attorney General of the United States. *See* 31 U.S.C. § 3730(b). As such, pursuant to the False Claims Act, 31 U.S.C. § 3730(b)(1), the United States hereby files this notice. The United States consents to the dismissal of this action with prejudice to Relator and without prejudice to the United States and the Plaintiff States.

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